

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A mute apparatus comprises a plurality of mute switches 7 each operative to assume two operation states consisting of a mute-on state and a mute-off state; a mute executing switch 6 operative to assume two executing states consisting of a mute-on state and a mute-off state; mute switch control data generating means 3 for generating mute switch control data elements indicative of the operation states of the respective mute switches 7; mute switch control data determining means 4 for determining whether a mute executing switch 6 is to assume the mute-on or mute-off state on the basis of the mute switch control data elements; and mute switch means 5 for having the mute executing switch 6 selectively assume the mute-on and mute-off states on the basis of the mute-on or mute-off state determined by the mute switch control data determining means 4, thereby making it possible for the single mute switch means 5 to determine the execution state of the mute executing switch 6 to mute or unmute an audio signal inputted by the inputted terminal 1 on the basis of the operation states of a plurality of the mute switches.